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Saskatchewan farmers have now planted 31 per cent of the 2007 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The five-year average (2002-06 inclusive) is 27 per cent. Seeding is most advanced in the southwest where 54 per cent of the crop has been planted. Seeding is least advanced in the northeast, where only five per cent has been planted.

Sixty-four per cent of peas have been planted, 54 per cent of lentils, 52 per cent of chickpeas, 45 per cent of durum, 29 per cent of mustard, 28 per cent of spring wheat, 26 per cent of canola, 20 per cent of barley, 13 per cent of triticale, 11 per cent of canary seed, nine per cent of flax and oats, and four per cent of sunflowers. Early seeded crops are emerging in southern and central regions.

Overall, topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved from last week, with the area of surplus moisture decreasing slightly. Reporters indicated that 81 per cent of the crop land has adequate moisture and 13 per cent is in a surplus moisture situation. Reporters noted that 80 per cent of the hay and pasture land has adequate moisture, 10 per cent has surplus topsoil moisture, and the remaining 10 per cent, primarily located in the southern part of the province, is reported as below adequate moisture. The southeast received the most rainfall last week. Southern regions were receiving rain at the time of the writing of this report.

Windy weather delayed spraying operations and dried out topsoil moisture. Frost was damaging to alfalfa in west central areas. Gophers continue to cause field and crop damage, mainly in southern areas of the province.

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Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 13/07	31
5-year Avg. (2002-06)	27
May 14/06	25
May 15/05	47
May 16/04	41
May 11/03	8
May 12/02	13

1 Year Ago

Twenty-five per cent of the crop was seeded ranging from 57 per cent in the southwest to six per cent in the northeast.

By crop, planting was: peas-57 per cent, lentils-45 per cent, chickpeas-44 per cent, durum-43 per cent, triticale-26 per cent, mustard-25 per cent, spring wheat-23 per cent, canola-16 per cent, barley-13 per cent, and the rest less than 10 per cent.

Additional harvesting of the 2005 crop was completed in the southeast and in the northern regions.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

This past week was again windy in the southeast with rain and frost. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 5 mm in Crop District (CD) 2b to an average high of 27 mm in CD 1a. Almost 50 mm was reported in the Carnduff area. Windy days delayed spraying. The warm, windy days caused some crusting of soils in the Marquis area, and drawing down topsoil moisture in other areas. Rain at the time of writing of this report could help alleviate those conditions.

South eastern reporters said 90% of the crop land had adequate moisture, up from 84% last week. Seven per cent of the crop land is in a short topsoil moisture situation, down from 16% last week. Eighty-four per cent of the hay and pasture land is in an adequate topsoil moisture situation and 15% in a short or very short moisture situation.

Good seeding progress was made and south eastern farmers report 39% of the 2007 crop planted, up from 17% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 67% seeded. Crop District 1a is least advanced with 29% seeded.

Seventy-two per cent of the peas have been seeded in the southeast, as has 56% of the chickpeas, 51% of the mustard and lentils, 47% of the canola, 40% of the spring wheat, 39% of the durum, 34% of the mustard, 33% of the barley, 25% of the canola, 18% of the oats, 15% of the canary seed, 13% of the flax, 4% of the sunflowers, and 1% of the triticale. Early seeded crops are emerging.

A few changes to seeding plans were mentioned by reporters – less wheat, more flax, canola, oats, and barley for malt.

Cattle are being moved out to pastures, and reporters expect some cattle to be moving to community pastures in the next week or so.

Weed growth is heavy. Gophers are out in large numbers in pastures in the Moosomin area. Gophers are also increasing in number in the Weyburn area. In the Odessa area, the local bar is having a contest for the most gopher tails turned in!

Farmers continue with fertilizer and herbicide applications, rock picking, and seed cleaning.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

This past week in the southwest was again windy with frost and some thunderstorms. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of less than ½ mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 12 mm in CD 3an. In the Gravelbourg area, 50 mm of rain was received that caused flooding and there was also some hail in the storm. Windy weather delayed spraying operations and drew down topsoil moisture. Some regions of the southwest received rain at the writing of this report. There were reports of soil drifting in the Tyner area. Crusted soil in the Leader area made it hard for emerging canola and canary seed crops.

Reporters indicated that topsoil moisture conditions deteriorated somewhat as they rated 86% of the crop land as having adequate moisture compared to 92% last week. Twelve per cent of the cropland is rated as being in a short topsoil moisture situation. For hay and pasture land, reporters indicate 77% of the land has adequate topsoil moisture conditions. Twenty-two per cent of the hay and pasture land is rated as having sort or very short topsoil moisture.

South western farmers report 54% of the 2007 crop planted, up from 21% last week. Crop District 4b is furthest advanced at 64% seeded and CDs 3an and 3asw are least advanced at 43% seeded. Early seeded crops are emerging. Some farmers have completed their seeding.

Eighty-six per cent of the peas have been planted, as has 68% of the lentils, 58% of the canola and the chickpeas, 52% of the durum, 47% of the spring wheat, 45% of the mustard, 43% of the barley, 21% of the oats and the triticale, 19% of the canaryseed, and 6% of the flax,

Some cereal acres could be diverted to pulse crops and more stubble is being seeded in some areas.

Cattle are moving out to summer pastures and will be moving to community pastures soon. In the Swift Current area, some ranchers are still feeding bales to their stock.

There is a good growth of weeds. There were shortages of some chemicals reported including seed treatment, as well as some fertilizer shortages. Large gopher populations are present the Coderre, Cadillac, Mankota, Kincaid, Hazenmore, and Pontiex areas. Gophers holes are hard on machinery and reporters anticipate damage when crops begin to emerge. Already they are digging up pea and chickpea crops. Wire worms caused damage to some fall triticale in the Consul area. Fall rye is going into the shot blade stage in the Maple Creek area.

Seeding Progress by Crop District		
CD	May 13/07	May 14/06
1a	29	18
1b	31	21
2a	52	44
2b	40	32
3an	43	51
3ase	67	45
3asw	43	36
3bn	62	55
3bs	56	68
4a	51	66
4b	64	77
5a	21	7
5b	9	7
6a	20	13
6b	21	11
7a	45	19
7b	43	26
8a	6	5
8b	5	7
9ae	3	3
9aw	15	12
9b	23	19
Prov.	31	25

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was windy again last week, with a wide range of temperatures. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 2 mm in CD 6a, to an average high of 12 mm in CD 5a. Strong winds interfered with spraying and dried out topsoil. Some areas were getting rain at the writing of this report. Frost in the Leroy area mid-week caused some plant damage.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved, with reporters rating 76% of crop land as having adequate moisture, compared to 68% last week. Eighteen per cent of the crop land continues to be in the surplus category. For hay and pasture land, reporters rate 78% of the area as adequate. The wettest fields were in CD 5b. Farmers got stuck while trying to spray. Up to 15% of field areas may not be seeded due to water and wet areas.

East central farmers report 17% of the 2007 crop planted, up from 4% last week. Crop District 5a reports 21% seeded, while CD 5b reports 9%. Early-seeded cereals and pulses are emerging. Canola emergence was spotty and poor in the Lumsden area.

Forty-seven per cent of the peas have been planted, as has 22% of the canola, 18% of the lentils, 15% of the spring wheat and the barley, 11% of the durum, 6% of the oats and the mustard, 3% of the flax, 2% of the chickpeas, and 1% of the triticale, the sunflowers, and the canary seed.

Weeds are growing fast and heavy. Gophers were a concern in the Ituna area. Farmers were fertilizing, picking rocks, and harrowing. Winter wheat crops are looking good. Some 2006 flax was combined in the Meacham area. Some 2006 harvest was completed in the Goodeve area with poor quality due to wildlife damage.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was windy with frost and showers during the past week. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of trace amounts in CD 7a to an average high of 7 mm in CD 6b. Frost mid-week damaged fruit trees and alfalfa. There was hail reported in a number of areas – Hanley, Strongfield, and Grandora . Some of the storms caused crop and building damage. Spraying was slowed by windy weather and topsoil was dried.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved slightly with reporters rating 90% of the crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 85% last week. There are still lots of sloughs and puddles to go around. The area rated as having short moisture conditions increased to 5%. On hay and pasture land, reporters rated 93% of the land as having adequate moisture. Tractors are still getting stuck in the Arelee and Unity areas.

West central farmers report 35% of the 2007 crop planted, up from 7% last week. Crop District 7b is furthest advanced at 43% seeded, and CD 6b is least advanced at 21% seeded.

Sixty-eight per cent of the peas have been planted, as well as 55% of the lentils, 41% of the canola, 39% of the durum, 33% of the wheat, 25% of the chickpeas, 21% of the mustard, 19 % of the barley, 14% of the canary seed, 9% of the sunflowers, 5% of the oats, 4% of the flax, and 2% of the triticale.

Some seeding plan changes include less wheat, more peas, more barley, and different fields being seeded due to surplus run-off.

Shortages of some chemicals were reported. Weed growth is heavy.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

A windy week in the northeast gave drying conditions until rains arrived in some areas. An average of 9 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 7 mm reported in CD 8b to an average high of 12 mm in CD 8a. Over 30 mm was reported in the Pleasantdale area. Some pea-sized hail was reported in the Tisdale area. Strong winds hampered spraying. The winds also caused soil erosion in the Codette area.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved as reporters rated 57% of the land as having surplus moisture, down from 77% last week. Reporters rated 60% of the hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture.

Some seeding progress was made this past week. North eastern farmers report 5% of the 2007 crop planted, up from less than 1% planted last week. District 8a is furthest advanced at 6% seeded. More good weather is needed to move seeding along.

Fourteen per cent of the peas, 6% of the spring wheat, 4% of the canola, 3% of the barley, 2% of the oats and the canary seed, and 1% of the durum, flax, and lentils are planted.

Farmers are getting stuck in the Porcupine Plain and Bruno areas. Roads are still soft and moving around with machinery and crop inputs is challenging. Cattle are still being fed hay. Farmers are harrowing and applying fertilizer.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

This past week brought wind, thundershowers, and snow to the northwest. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported, with some locations reporting up to 15 mm. The winds slowed down some spraying operations.

Reporters rate 89% of crop, hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 83% last week. Ten per cent of the crop land and 9% of the hay and pasture land are rated in a surplus topsoil moisture condition. Fields are still wet and there are still problems with some of the roads. Many low spots will not get seeded this spring.

Some seeding progress was made during the past week. North western farmers report 19% of the 2007 crop planted, up from 4% last week. Crop District 9b is furthest advanced at 23% seeded.

Thirty-nine per cent of the peas have been planted, as well as 27% of the spring wheat, 19% of the canola, 8% of the barley, 4% of the flax, and 1% of the oats.

Farmers are applying fertilizer and picking rocks. Cattle are being moved out to pastures though many are still being fed hay.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 13, 2007

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	30	61
	2	Mount Pleasant	48	60
	3	Enniskillen	33	55
	33 B	Moose Creek	32	51
	34	Browning	27	49
	63 A	Moose Mountain	20	39*
	64	Brock	23	50
	65	Tecumseh	7	37
1B	91	Maryfield	2	24
	92 B	Walpole	25	53
	93	Wawken	15	41
	94	Hazelwood	17	45
	95	Golden West	24	45
	121	Moosomin	30	31
	122	Martin	30	31
	123	Silverwood	22	32
	124	Kingsley	18	43
	125	Chester	3	32
	151 B	Rocanville	47	72
	153	Willowdale	4	36
	154	Elcapo	23	36
	155	Wolseley	22	31
2A	36	Cymri	7	44
	66	Griffin	0	11
	67	Weyburn	19	28
	68	Brokenshell	12	23
	69	Norton	14	37
	96	Fillmore	8	37
	97	Wellington	5	27
2B	126	Montmartre	14	34
	127	Francis	9	35
	128	Lajord	12	30
	129	Bratt's Lake	10	25
	131	Baildon	NIL	49
	156 B	Indian Head	14	26
	158	Edenwold	3	13
	160	Pense	NIL	25
	161	Moose Jaw	2	31
	191	Marquis	NIL	30
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	14	39
	38 B	Laurier	2	36
	39 A	The Gap	14	28
	39 B	The Gap	8	42
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	2	56
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	28
	40	Bengough	6	55
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	50
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	57
	43 B	Old Post	NIL	28
	44	Waverley	2	40
	70	Key West	5	39
	71 A	Excel	2	53
	71 B	Excel	1	31
	71 C	Excel	15	57
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	28
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	50
3AN	101 B	Terrell	NIL	43
	102	Lake Johnston	19	60
	103	Sutton	50	84
	132	Hillsborough	4	43
	134	Shamrock	40	78
	163 B	Wheatlands	NIL	15
	164	Chaplin	NIL	53
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	24
	194	Enfield	NIL	25
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	TR	52
	45	Mankota	NIL	40
	75 A	Pinto Creek	3	49
	75 B	Pinto Creek	2	43
	76 A	Auvergne	21	52
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	56
	77	Wise Creek	6	69
	78 A	Grassy Creek	29	99
	78 B	Grassy Creek	15	90
	78 C	Grassy Creek	32	82
	105	Glenbain	24	72
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	57
	107	Lac Pelletier	6	33
	108	Bone Creek	9	62
3BN	136	Coulee	1	43
	138	Webb	6	41
	166	Excelsior	NIL	22
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	29
	225	Canaan	NIL	28
	226	Victory	NIL	25
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	32
	228 B	Lacadena	TR	17
	257	Monet	2	16
4A	19	Frontier	4	74
	49 A	White Valley	1	75
	49 B	White Valley	28	97
	51	Reno	7	85
	79	Arlington	35	91
	109	Carmichael	2	60
	109 A	Carmichael	2	62
	110	Piapot	2	46
	111 A	Maple Creek	TR	36
	111 B	Maple Creek	1	52
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	35
	141	Big Stick	TR	48
	142	Enterprise	NIL	63
	231	Happyland	NIL	24
5A	183	Fertile Belt	4	24
	185	Mcleod	1	27
	186	Abernethy	10	18
	187	North Qu'appelle	15	17
	211	Churchbridge	22	23
	213	Saltcoats	16	25
	216 A	Tullymet	16	20
	216 B	Tullymet	12	24
	241	Calder	4	15
	243	Wallace	18	23
	245 A	Garry	12	20
	245 B	Garry	13	21
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	15	22
	247	Kellross	12	25
5B	271	Cote	8	17
	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	12
	275 A	Insinger	13	27
	276	Foam Lake	4	20
	277	Emerald	NIL	14
	304	Buchanan	14	21
	307	Elfros	2	20
	308	Big Quill	4	14
	335	Hazel Dell	9	18
	336	Sasman	TR	18
	337	Lakeview	5	22
	338	Lakeside	4	17
	366 B	Kelvington	1	10
	367 A	Ponass Lake	5	7
	367 B	Ponass Lake	5	5*
6A	189	Lumsden	1	21
	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	14
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	4
	190 C	Dufferin	1	19
	219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	7
	220	Mckillop	NIL	10
	221	Sarnia	0	31
	222	Craik	NIL	38
	251	Big Arm	2	24
	252	Arm River	1	26
	279 A	Mount Hope	2	19
	280	Wreford	1	15
	282	Mccraney	1	5
	309	Prairie Rose	5	20
	312	Morris	4	7
	313	Lost River	17	22
	339 B	Leroy	3	17
	340 A	Wolverine	6	21
	340 B	Wolverine	NIL	11
	341	Viscount	2	9
	343	Blucher	1	8
6B	254	Loreburn	TR	11
	283	Rosedale	2	15
	284	Rudy	4	22
	285	Fertile Valley	6	27
	286	Milden	3	27
	314	Dundurn	25	32
	344	Corman Park	21	22
	345	Vanscoy	15	18
	346	Perdue	5	15
	376 A	Eagle Creek	2	10
	376 B	Eagle Creek	5	7
	403	Rosthern	2	12
	404	Laird	1	6
7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	24
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	18
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	28
	292	Milton	NIL	34
	317 B	Marriott	TR	9
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	9
	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	10
	320	Oakdale	NIL	40
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	4
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	7
	350 A	Mariposa	15	25*
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	16
	351	Progress	2	18*
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	25
	377	Glenside	1	5
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	13
	378 B	Rosemount	1	6
	379	Reford	TR	15
	381	Grass Lake	NIL	17
	411	Senlac	NIL	24
8A	395	Porcupine	2	15
	397	Barrier Valley	4	17
	398	Pleasantdale	34	57
	428	Star City	9	24
	456	Arborfield	8	23
	457	Connaught	15	21
	458	Willow Creek	16	23
	486	Moose Range	12	24
	487	Nipawin	12	19
8B	369	St. Peter	5	14
	370	Humboldt	2	8
	371	Bayne	7	17
	372	Grant	14	21
	402	Fish Creek	5	11
	429 B	Flett's Springs	10	30
	430 A	Invergordon	5	15
	431	St. Louis	5	11
	459	Kinistino	8	30
9AE	488	Torch River	10	18
	520	Paddockwood	7	17
9AW	406	Mayfield	5	12
	435	Redberry	3	13
	436	Douglas	NIL	NIL
	464	Leask	4	30
	466	Meeting Lake	7	11
	467	Round Hill	NIL	10
	493	Shellbrook	12	21
	494	Canwood	2	12
	496	Spiritwood	12	26
	497	Medstead	6	8
9B	442	Manitou Lake	TR	14
	468	Meota	5	21
	498 A	Parkdale	15	29*
	498 B	Parkdale	13	29
	499	Mervin	15	47
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	4	48
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	8	37
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	3	59
	502	Britannia	10	54
	561	Loon Lake	1	24
	588 A	Meadow Lake	7	16
	588 B	Meadow Lake	5	30
	588 D	Meadow Lake	4	23
	622	Beaver River	3	21

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
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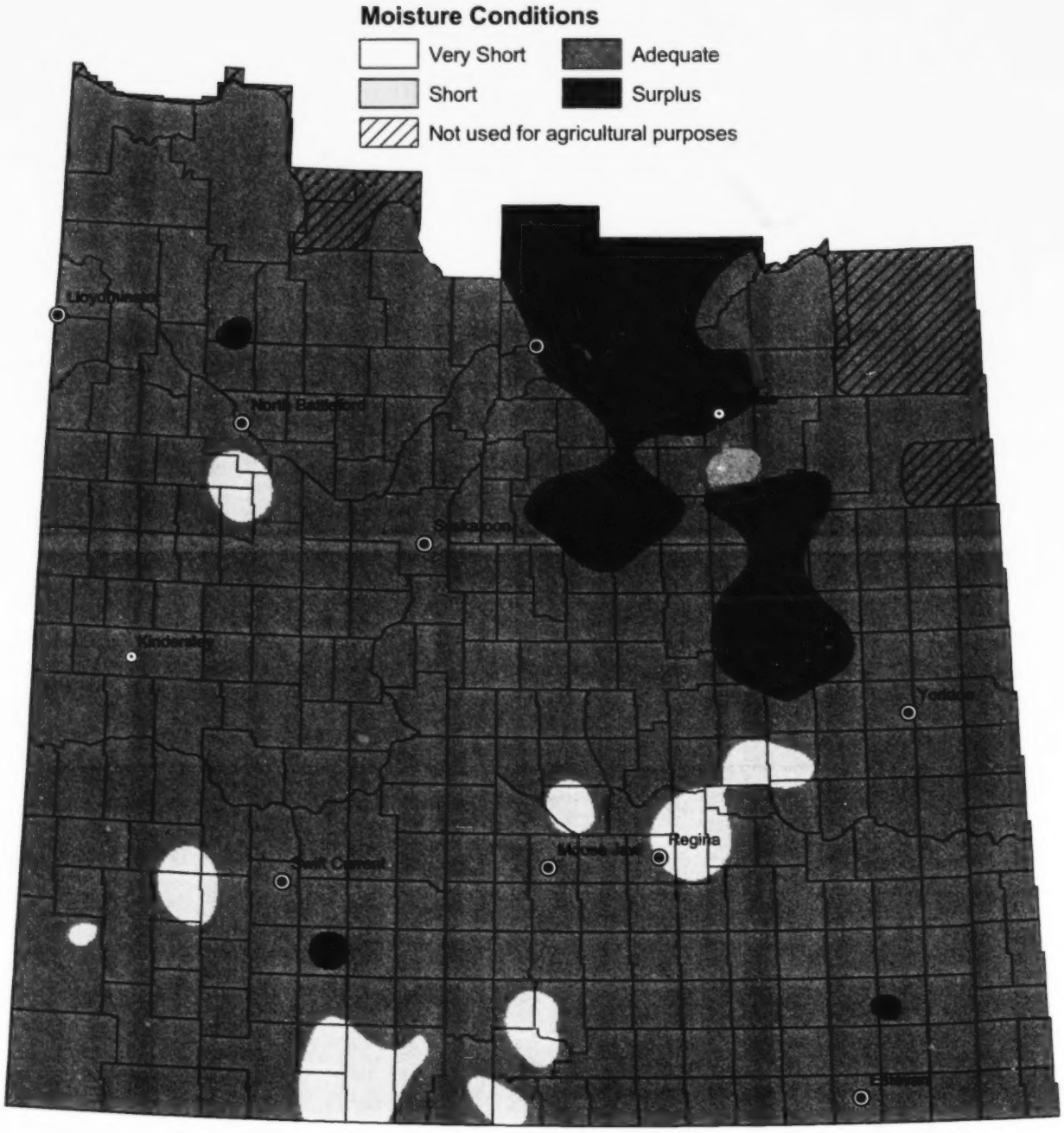
To: May 12, 2007



Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions
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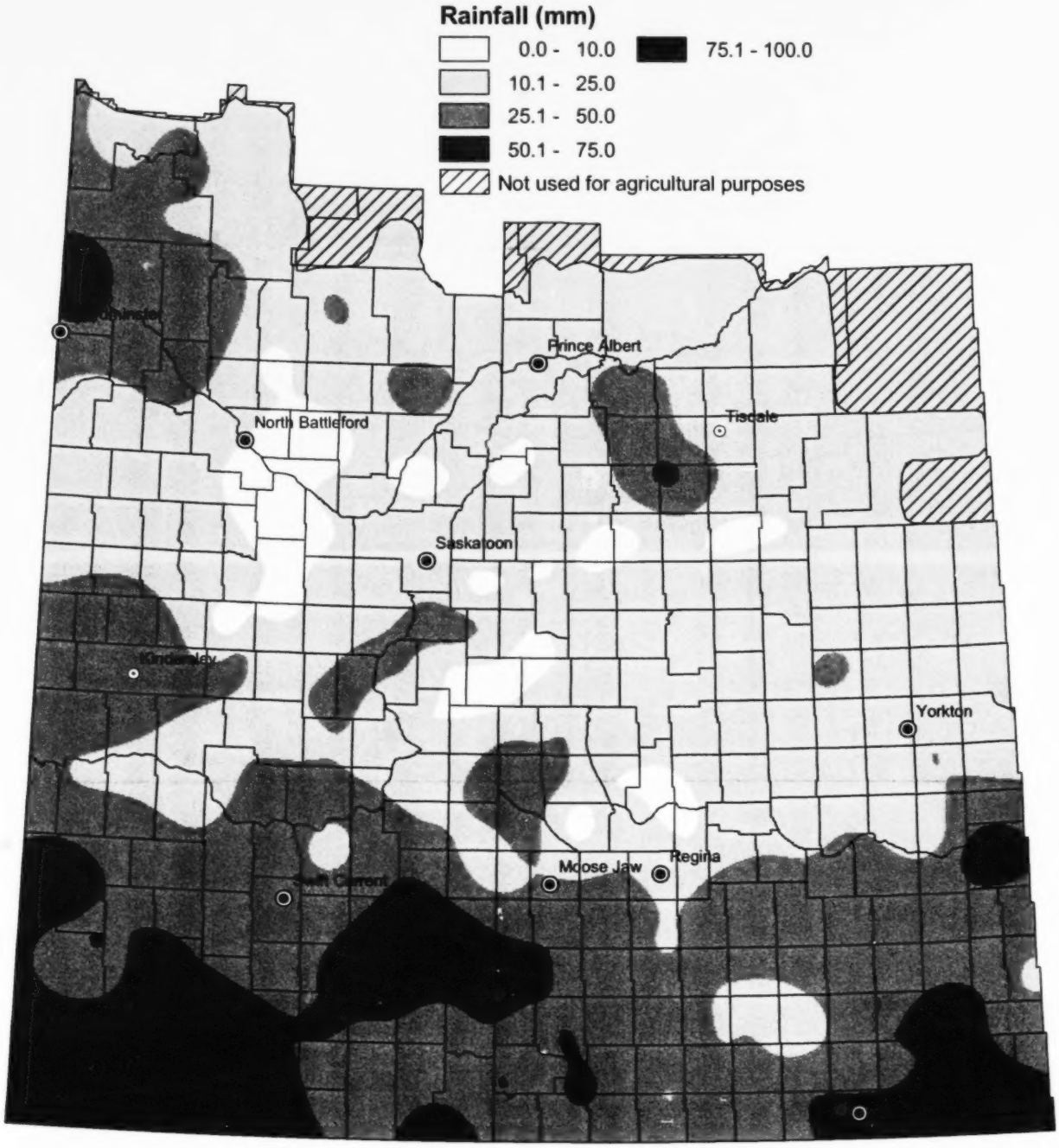

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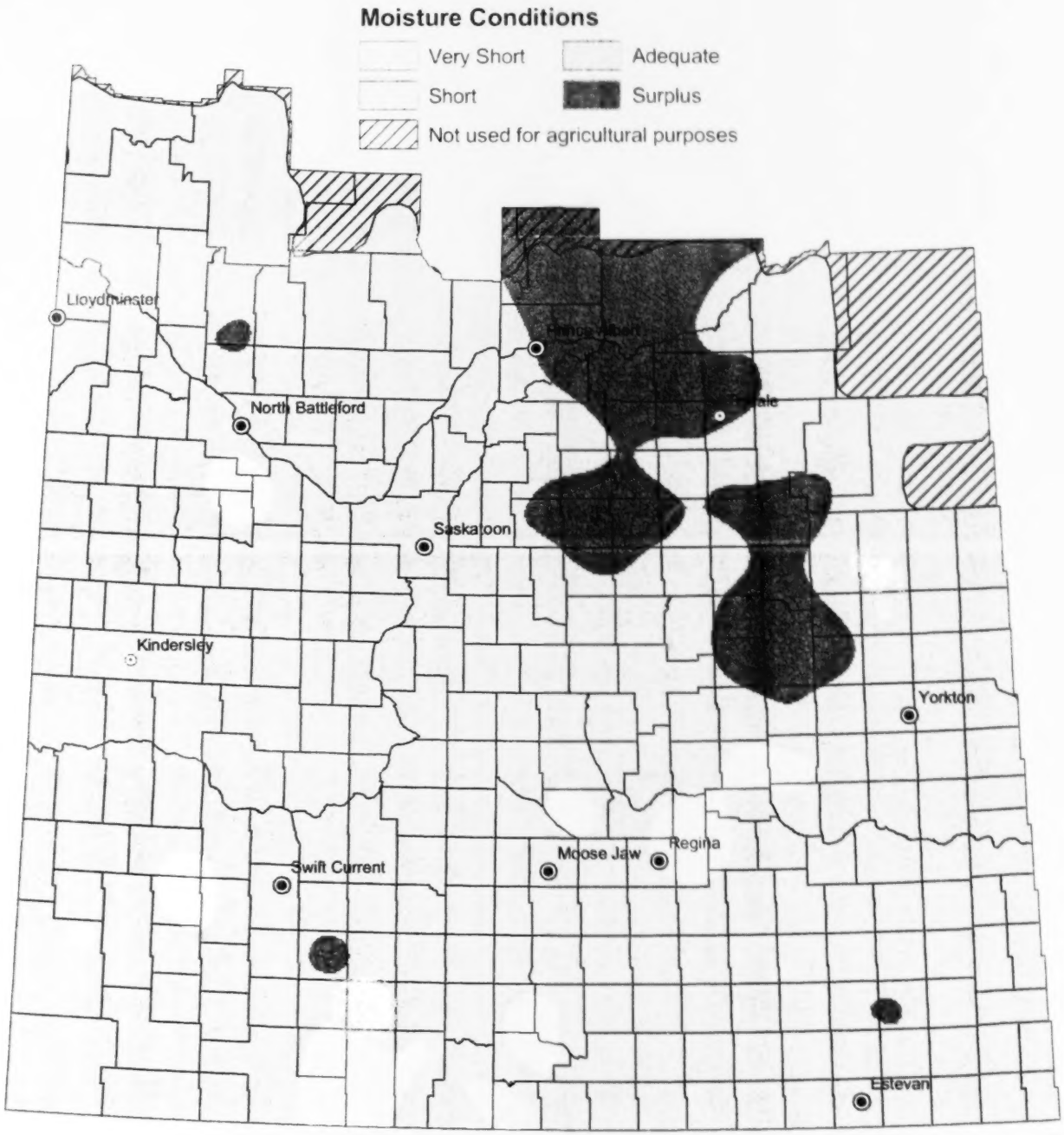

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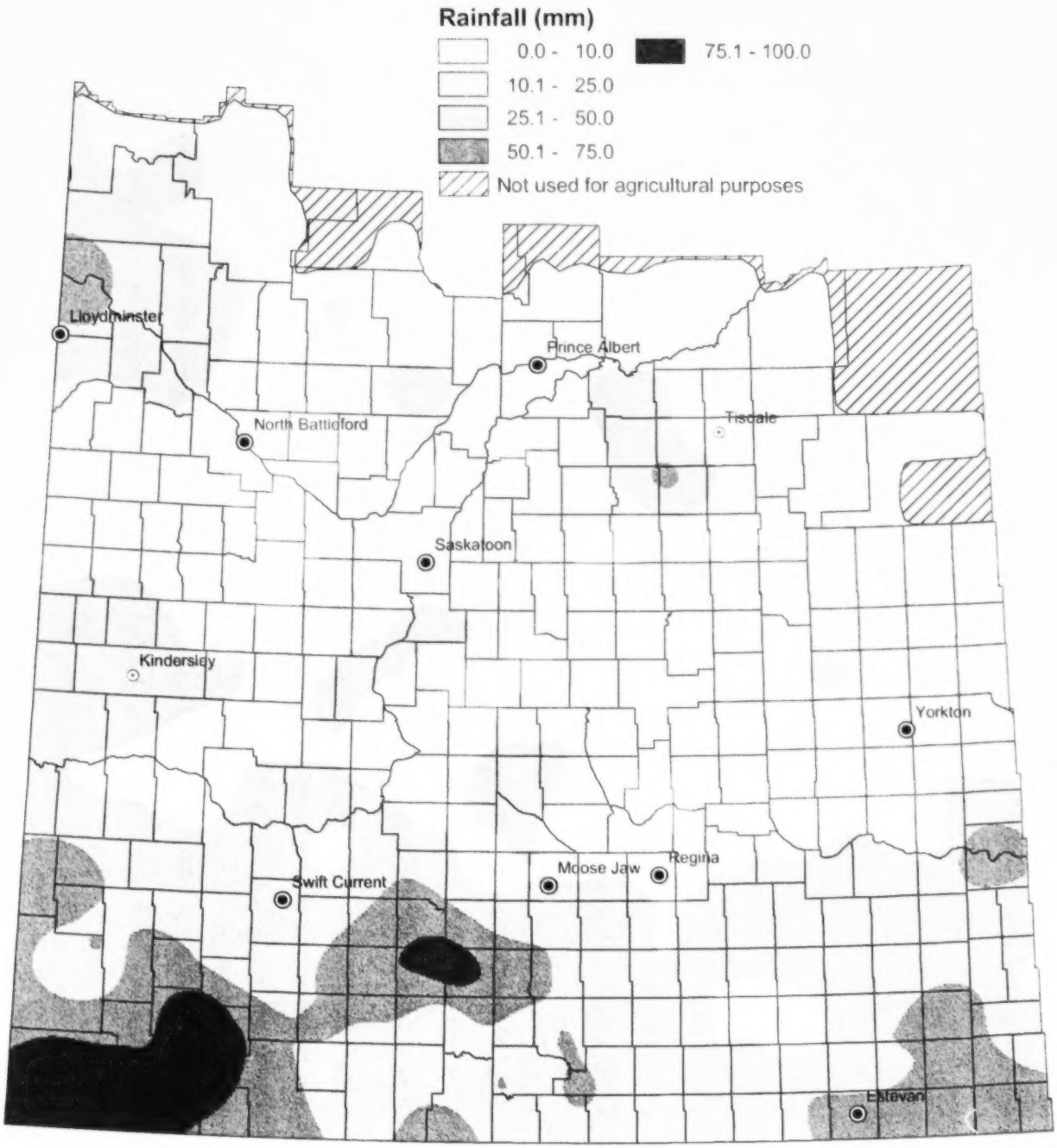

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